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The Honorable E. Clay Shaw, Jr.  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Social Security  
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S. Capitol Street & Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Shaw:

We are writing to inform you that the more than 250,000 members of Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP) support H.R. 4069, The Social Security Benefit Enhancements for Women Act of 2002.

H.R. 4069 addresses several key issues that have long been of major concern to WIPP members:

- Increasing the unfair benefit limits on widows whose spouses both retire and die before the full retirement age;
- Updates eligibility requirements for disabled widows to ensure consistency with earnings requirements in current law and;
- Eliminates a needless two-year wait for some divorced spouses to receive benefits.

WIPP member Niesha Wolfe, a CPA based in Clarkesville, Tennessee, provided compelling testimony before your committee in February on these issues and others related to the unfair Social Security benefits women have been subject to for years.

WIPP, a national bi-partisan public policy organization, appreciates your efforts and fully supports H.R. 4069.

Regards,

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